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Uttansh Monga Vs. State of HP & others

CWPIL No. 45 of 2025

29.07.2025

Present: Mr. Ganesh Barowalia, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. Gobind Korla, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No. 1, 4, 6 & 7.

Ms. Vandana Misra, Central Government Counsel, for respondent No. 2.

CMP No. 17762 of 2025

This application has been filed for placing on record the additional documents (Annexure A-1). The same is allowed subject to just exceptions.

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2. Keeping in view the issue as such of installation of toll barrier, we enlarge the scope of the present Public Interest Litigation. Counsel for the respondents pray for time for filing reply.

3. It has come to our notice that the H.P. State Entry Tax which is collected on the Chandigarh-Shimla Highway near Timber Trail is causing a lot of inconvenience to the general public. On weekends, as there are only 2/3 lanes for the incoming traffic and there is no such provision for a free lane for H.P. registered

vehicles, which are stated to have been exempted as such from entry tax, all vehicles have to line up.

4. It is to be noticed that there is another Barrier/Collection Centre at Sanwara set-up by the NHAI, which has multiple lanes on both sides of the Highway, which is approximately 15 kilometers away and therefore, it would be appropriate if the respondents could consider having common facility at Barrier/Collection Centre at Sanwara and the fees could be charged at the common collection centre or an alternative site be identified where there is more space, keeping in view the fact that there are no other entry points available being a hill road.

List on **29.08.2025.**

(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Chief Justice

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

July 29, 2025
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